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Haliburton Hosts Countywide Chess Tournament

On Friday, March 26th, chess players from as far away as Omemee, Lindsay and Huntsville met in Haliburton to decide the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship.

The event involved 260 players in Grades 1 through 8 representing 15 schools from around the region, making this the largest ever chess tournament held anywhere in Central Ontario. The tournament was held in two separate rooms in order to accommodate all the players. The organizers would particularly like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 in Haliburton for their support of the tournament.

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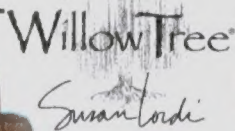
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Attention brides and grooms! Be sure to attend the upcoming Annual Wedding Extravaganza being held at the Wigamog Inn on April 3rd from 3 to 5 p.m. Local wedding professionals including hair stylists, florists, disc jockeys, photographers, make up and nail artists, as well as spa therapists will be on site for personal consultations.

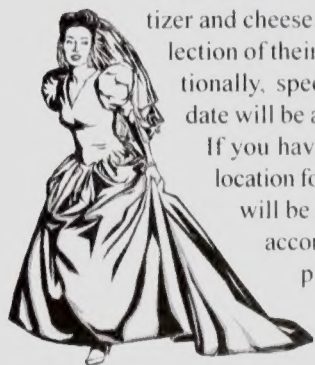
Featherstone Winery will be hosting an appetizer and cheese party, along with offering a selection of their fine wines for sampling. Additionally, special labels with your wedding date will be available for purchase.

If you have yet to choose your reception location for your special day, the Wigamog will be holding a tour of the resort and accommodations, followed by a sampling of their gourmet cuisine.

Dinner will commence at 7 p.m. for \$39.99 per person. There is no charge to attend the show.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Also there will be prizes handed out over dinner including a fabulous two-night getaway at Wigamog resort. For further details call Joanne at The Wigamog at 457-3001 ext 844.



Origins Of April Fools Day

Those Mocked As Fools Root of Life Long Tradition

Holidays are celebrated for all sorts of reasons. Some honor heroes, others commemorate religious events, but April 1 stands out as the only holiday that celebrates foolishness. April Fools' Day, or All Fools Day, is an odd celebration with a strange history. What other holiday asks us to play tricks and dupe our unsuspecting friends and acquaintances?

There's some uncertainty about when and where this bizarre tradition began, but the most accepted explanation traces April Fools' Day back to 16th century France. Up until 1564, the accepted calendar was the Julian calendar, which observed the beginning of the New Year around April. According to "The Oxford Companion to the Year," King Charles IX then declared that France would begin using the Gregorian calendar, which shifted New Year's Day to January 1.

Not everyone accepted this shifting of dates at the same time. Some believed that the dates should not be shifted, and it was these people who became the butt of some April jokes and were mocked as fools. People sent gifts and invited them to bogus parties. Citizens in the rural parts of France were also victims of these jokes. In those days, news traveled slowly and they might not have known about the shifting of dates for months or years. These people also endured being made fun of for celebrating the New Year on the wrong day.

Today in France, people who are fooled on April 1 are called Poisson d'Avril, which literally means the "April Fish." One common joke is to hook a cardboard fish to the back of a person. What a fish has to do with April Fools' Day is not clear. Some believe that the fish is tied to Jesus Christ, who was often represented as a fish in early Christian times. Others say the fish is related to the zodiac sign of Pisces, which is represented by a fish, and falls near April. It's interesting to point out that Napoleon earned the Poisson d'Avril moniker when he married Marie-Louise of Austria on April 1, 1810.

It's probably no coincidence that April Fools' Day is celebrated at the same time that two other similar holidays are celebrated. In ancient Rome, the festival of Hilaria was thrown to celebrate the resurrection of the god Attis. Hilaria is probably the base word for hilarity and hilarious, which mean great merriment. Today, Hilaria is also known as Roman Laughing Day. In India, the Holi festival celebrates the arrival of spring. As a part of that festival, people play jokes and smear colors on each other.

There's no clear connection between the modern observance of April Fools' Day and these two ancient celebrations, which lends most historians to accept the French explanation for how April Fools' Day developed.

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No matter what you could possibly need a sign for, County Sign and Display in Minden can create it for you. But not only can they create just about any kind of sign you want, they can also create an array of other products that can help you identify yourself, your product or what you are doing.

For example, County Sign and Display can create custom decal stickers for you. These are popular for putting on a snowboard, skis or bicycles for example, to identify it as yours.

How about custom stickers for you contractors to put on your tools with your logo on it to identify them? You can choose any design you want or they will even create one for you.

The possibilities are endless... you can even have a photo-imaging used on a sign or decal. How about custom graphics and lettering or registration numbers for your sled or ATV? You can make your machine look as hot or cool as you want to. Put custom decals on your helmets to stand out from the crowd. If it can stick to it, it can be created for you!

Dress up your Vehicle

County Sign and Display also carries pin striping and graphic kits for vehicles. Again, if you can imagine it, they can create it for you!



Are you holding a special event? You can have custom banners or posters made that can be hung in the streets or at a booth.

These are but a few things other than signs that they can help you with.

Of course they specialize in vinyl signs, but they can create just about any effects you need such as backlit signs for storefronts.

Photosolutions and Pharmasave in Minden are both good example of backlite signs made by County Sign using special translucent vinyl.

Employee Kathy Sweeney says "The real amazing thing about vinyl signs that I don't think people realize is the wide variety of colours to choose from. There is just a huge selection. You can pick different backgrounds and letter or graphic colours. They're not just white board with black or red letters. Some vinyls are rated for 7 years outside, so vinyl is a really good alternative to paint."

If you're a contractor, you should have job site signs made up to promote yourselves. For example a contractor is doing a job and would have a sign in the driveway saying "Another Fine Project by XYZ Contracting," and the phone #. "If the neighbours see the work and like it, and then see the sign, it could spawn new business for the company," says Kathy.

County Sign and Display also rents portable signs if you require one for a shorter period. They make easel signs, table signs, cottage road signs and even personal cottage or home signs.

If you want to have the name of your business on your vehicle there are many options as well. You can have your name put on your windows, the vehicle itself or you can order a sign magnet with your info on it.

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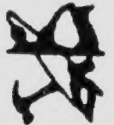
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U-Links Demonstration Informative & Fun

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View poster displays of this year's Community-Based Education Program student research projects as well as others presented by organizations within our community. You can also chat with researchers in the "trade show format".

Topics this year include the environment, history, health, recreation, tourism, education, economic development and the arts.

This date also marks the launch of Haliburton County's new promotional video. The video will be introduced by producer / director George Farrell at 3 p.m.

All members of the community are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Kate at U-Links – 286-2411 or ulinks@on.aibn.com.

U-Links and the Highlands Video Project are initiatives of the Haliburton County community Co-operative.



For The Kids

Easter Egg Hunt In Haliburton

Easter is a time for hunting.... Hunting for eggs that is, and all children are welcome to join in the hunt during the Sir Sandford Fleming College 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd.

The free event gets underway at 11 a.m. at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. There is a separate toddler area. Do note that the event is being held the weekend prior to Easter.

If you require further information, please call the Sir Sandford Fleming Office at 457-1680.

Family Movie Night – April 15

Aprils Movie is Charlottes Web 2 – Wilbur's Great Adventure. All welcome to attend. There will be free popcorn, free fun. (Drinks are for sale at a low price). All takes place at Club 35 in Halls Lake beginning at 6:45 p.m.

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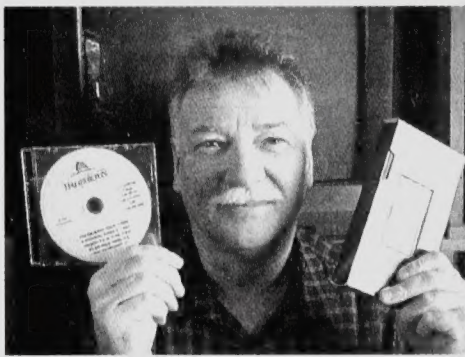
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Official Launch Of The Haliburton County Promotional Video

The Haliburton County Community Co-operative is proud to announce the completion and public viewing of the first official Haliburton County Promotional video. This video, produced and directed by Highlands resident George Farrell, was completed over the course of the past year and highlights all areas of the County through all four seasons. The video promotes Haliburton County as an ideal place to visit, to relocate or to retire, providing images and information on numerous aspects of highlands living.

Featured in the video are natural beauty spots, wildlife, spring and summer events and activities, education, art and studio tours, working environments, and communities. For purposes of branding, the video takes the same name as on



the new county logo, "Haliburton Highlands, A Natural Work of Art".

"What the County has for the first time" says Farrell "is a top-quality modern marketing tool, where people can

see by way of video, what we have to offer in this wonderful county. Now we have to make sure that the video is seen by as many people as possible".

The video has already made its appearance in the Haliburton County hospitality suite at the AMO and Good Roads Conference in Toronto, several trade shows in Toronto, and will be shown shortly at shows in London, Ontario, and in the USA.

Over 200 copies of the video have already been ordered for distribution inside and outside the county. The Haliburton School of The Arts, and the County of Haliburton have each ordered 50 copies. Additional copies will be available shortly in branches of the county library system.

The promotional video is the first project from the Highlands Video Projects Committee, and is a co- production between George Farrell and the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. Principal funding was provided by Human Resources Development Canada. Local contributors were the Haliburton County Development Corporation, The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and the Minden branch of TD Canada Trust.

The public is invited to view the 20-minute video as part of the U-Links "Celebration of Research", which will take place at the Fish Hatchery on County Road 1 on Saturday April 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Viewing time for the video is 3:00 p.m.

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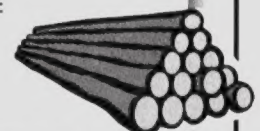


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The following is a list of the different workshops, when they are being offered, and who to contact to register or for more information about that particular workshop:

Floral Watercolours on April 1 starting at 10 a.m. \$25;

Metallic Painting on Cloth - \$25 - April 2 starting at 10:30 a.m. call 286-2695;

Toothbrush crocheted Rag Rugs - April 8 starting at 10:30 - call 489-2973;

Soap Making - \$15 - April 15 starting at 1 a.m. - Call Debbie at 286-2282;

Basic Applique and Hand Quilting - \$12 - April 16 starting at 10:20 a.m. - call Jean 286-6531;

Press Flowers - \$12 - April 17 starting at 10:30 a.m. - call Lorna at 286-4713;

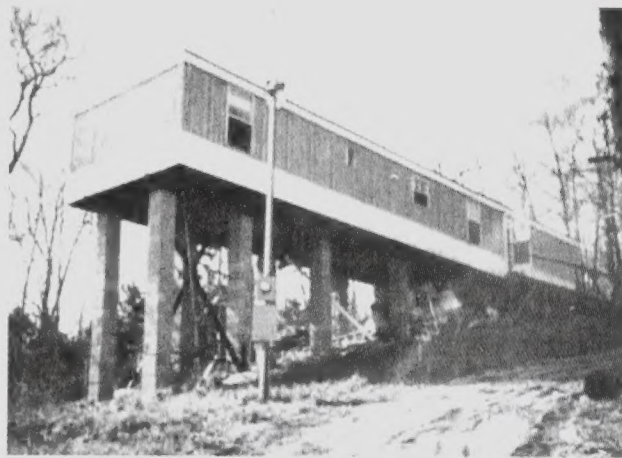
Pinweaving - \$20 - April 28 starting at 10:30 a.m. - Call Pat - 457-1211;

Bargello, Stitchery with Susan - \$20 - April 29 starting at 10:20 a.m. Call 286-3475.



COOL PIC OF THE MONTH

Home with a View!



Here's one for the contractors. I view this as a construction nightmare, but I could be wrong. Maybe with a wrap around deck and a few additions, this could be a palace. Right now, it's nothing short of interesting. I'm not sure where it's located. This pic. was sent in by a reader a while ago and I've forgotten who sent it and where it's from, but all the same.. wow... I don't know what to say except watch that first step.. it's a doozie!!.

More great pics coming... For those who have sent me pics, I'm working my way through the collection. If you haven't seen your submitted pic yet, it will make its debut soon. This was submitted easily a year ago, so that should let you know where I'm at. Feel free to send more in though. We just love getting these!!

God may have created man
before woman but there is al-
ways a rough draft before the
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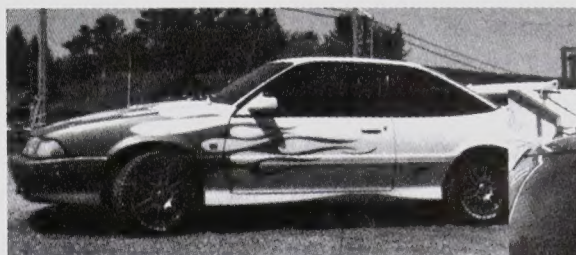
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Minden resident Jon Hill owns County Sign and Display. Kathy is Jon's sister who is active in the business with Jon. Both Jon and Kathy were raised here in the Highlands. The business has 2 other employees. They are, Shawn Bunnett & Juston Hutchinson. Judy Henderson has been helping out part time, and you might see Dave Johnson lending a hand on installations.

No matter what signage or display you are looking for, all the friendly folk at County Sign and Display will be more than happy to work with you and create the look you want. You can drop in and see what they can do for you or phone or email them. The shop is located at the corner of Highway 35 and 121 in Minden beside the Red Auction Barn (across from the legion), by phone at 286-6650, or toll free 1-866-894-7890, or email countysign@interhop.net.

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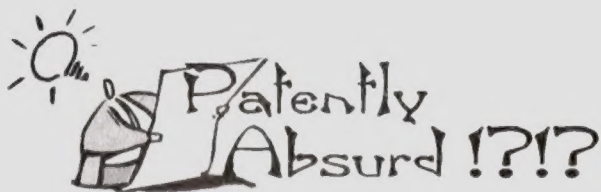
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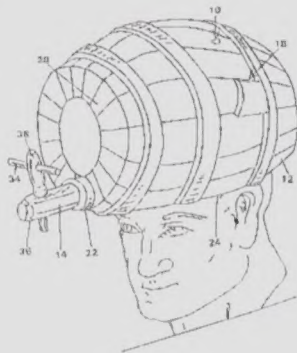
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With the warm weather fast approaching, we thought you might like this one. Like many of our crazy patent features, I'm not sure you will be seeing a ton of these roaming backyard parties too soon. Wearing this, though, will probably give you a headache even before you finish off the beer, which will in turn, only add to the headache!! Then of course you need to wear a dispenser for water or juice for the morning... What next?!

Chess Tournament Was Fast-Paced

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The action was fast-paced and the attacks were furious over the board throughout the day. One of the most exciting moments came at the very end of the competition. A large Grade 7 group of 47 players required a sudden-death blitz game with 10-minute time controls to determine a champion. Harley Foulds and Shane Dibblee (both of J.D. Hodgson Elementary) squared off to battle it out for the trophy, with Dibblee eventually getting the better of his rival.

Another highlight was the sweep of three divisions by the Paul family. Tom Paul of Stuart Baker Elementary took the Grade 2 trophy, sister Emma took the hardware in Grade 3, while older brother Drew claimed the Grade 6 trophy for JDHES. All three went undefeated at the board.

The top two players in Grades 1 & 2 qualified for the Provincial Championships, while the top three players in the other divisions qualified to attend.



Team Standings (top 4 player results in best 4 divisions count): J.D. Hodgson Elementary School-64.5 points; Parkview

Public School-45.5 pts.; Scott Young P.S.-45.5 pts.; Stuart Baker E.S.-39.5 pts.; Bracebridge P.S.-39 pts.; Ridgewood P.S.-35 pts.; Alexandra P.S.-31.5 pts.; Gravenhurst P.S.-29 pts.; Monck P.S.-29 pts.; Archie Stouffer E.S.-27.5 pts.; Fenelon Township P.S.-27 pts.; Langton P.S.-24.5 pts.; Wilberforce E.S.-23pts.; Cardiff E.S.-9 pts.; Riverside P.S.-7pts.

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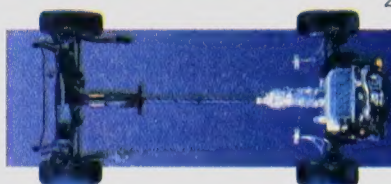
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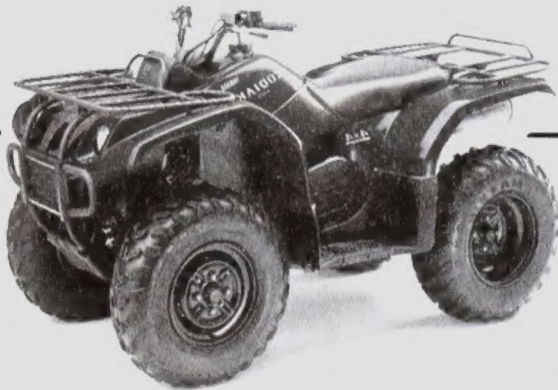
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The Purrrrrrfect Wedding...

In Bangkok Thailand, two cats were "married" in a ceremony that cost \$28,000 and included matching gold rings.

I Bet They Attended The Will Reading...

Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, of Redlands, California, was married twenty nine times, yet not one of his wives attended his funeral.

Give Me ALL Your Money... (All I Can Carry That Is)...

A bank robber would have to carry two tons of money if he stole \$1 Billion in hundred dollar bills

All They Had To Do Was Rub His Nose In It...

In 1692, in Salem, Massachusetts, a dog was found guilty of witchcraft and executed.

Holy Cow... What A Stupid MOOOOve!

In eighteenth century France, a cow found guilty of sorcery was publicly hanged!

Where Did They Find The Miniature Pilots? ...

Area 54 Maybe?

A United States defence agency has developed miniature airplanes the size of a human hand that can fly up to seventy miles per hour for a distance of twelve miles!

A Little Left Over Gas Perhaps?

The casket of Queen Elizabeth I, while on view in Whitehall Palace, London, on the eve of her interment, mysteriously exploded. The coffin was shattered and had to be replaced - yet the queen's body was unharmed.

Before Or After Office?

Sir Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, once worked as a greeting card designer for Hallmark.

Canada Needed To Attend Real Estate Course...

Alaska was purchased from Canada by The United States for two cents an acre!!

Wonder What The Drug Problem Is Like There?

Lynchburg, Tennessee, where Jack Daniels Tennessee whiskey is distilled is a "dry" town where the drinking of alcohol has been illegal since 1933.

The Highland's 1st Annual Competition Coming Soon...

Ear pulling, one of the events at the World Indian Eskimo Olympics, involves stretching a twine tied between two men's ears until one man yells "Uncle"!

How Would Family Visit Gravesite?

A company in Houston, Texas will fly a persons cremated remains into deep space for \$4,800.

Extreme CRAZY?

In New Zealand a popular pastime involves riding inner tubes through underground caves that are teeming with eels!



WD 40 - Stuff you never knew

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history.

It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brew master." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.



Here are some of the uses:

Protects silver from tarnishing; Cleans and lubricates guitar strings; Gets oil spots off concrete driveways; Gives floors that "just-waxed" sheen without making it slippery; Keeps flies off cows; Restores and cleans chalkboards; Removes lipstick stains; Loosens stubborn zippers; Untangles jewelry chains; Removes stains from stainless steel sinks; Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill; Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing; Removes tomato stains from clothing; Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots; Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors; Keeps scissors working smoothly; Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes; Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide; Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers; Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises; Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open; Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close; Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers; Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles; Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans; Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling; Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly; Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.

We're not through. Here's more: Removes splattered grease on stove; Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging; Lubricates prosthetic limbs; Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell); Removes all traces of duct tape; I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, knees, etc., to relieve arthritis pain; and one fellow claims spraying it on fishing lures attracts fish.

WD-40 has been designated the "official multi-purpose problem-solver of NASCAR," a ringing endorsement if there ever was one.

In celebration of their 50th year, the company conducted a contest to learn the favourite uses of its customers and fan club members. (Yes, there is a WD-40 Fan Club).

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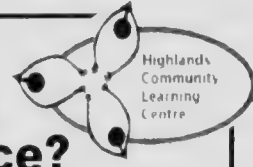
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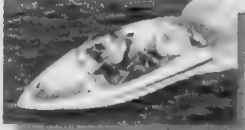
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The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 50th Reunion is taking place on May 14th, 15th & 16th of this year. The following is a copy of the schedule of events for the three-day period, just to give you an example of what is planned for those who attend.

Friday May 14, 2004 - 6:00 pm

Registration, Sign-up for Activities, Open House, Tours of the School, Memorabilia Exhibits, plus much more !!

Saturday May 15, 2004 - 10:00 am

Official Opening Ceremonies, Various Activities, Celebrate Education in Haliburton County, Buffet Dinner & Dance (Live Entertainment), Visit Old Friends, Make New Acquaintances, Memorabilia Exhibit.

Sunday May 16, 2004 - 11:00 am

Church Service, BBQ Lunch, Momentos, Memorabilia Exhibit

Sunday May 16, 2004 - 3:00 pm

Closing Ceremonies.

If you have access to the web, be sure to visit the website at www.tldsb.on.ca/Schools/HHSS/. You will find all kinds of information about the reunion, and you can even sign the guest book or view the list of names of people who have already signed in and left comments. You are sure to find a name on the list that you haven't heard of in awhile.

That's what reunions are all about. Catching up, seeing old friends, and letting others know how you are doing. Be sure not to miss this one. They only come around once and awhile and you don't want to be the one who later says, "I should have gone."

If you require more information, you can contact: Joan (Fennell) Chapple, Reunion Chairperson (705) 489-2755; or Debra (Hewitt) Dart, Reunion Secretary, P.O. Box 1038, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Phone: (705) 457-1235, Fax: (705) 457-3628, E-mail: Debra (Hewitt) Dart.

If you would like to register by phone, you can call (705) 457-2950 ext 572 24 hours a day.

Registration costs for the reunion are \$75 for the full weekend per person which includes all activities and the Saturday dinner/dance. The weekend package is \$30 per person which includes all activities except the Saturday dinner/dance.

This cost includes an identification tag, a reunion t-shirt, a tote bag and other momentos as well as entrance to all events and activities.

Pre-registration is appreciated and necessary to ensure tickets for various activities.

PASS THE WORD:

Organizers are asking everyone to kindly pass the word along to anyone you know who might like to come.

F.Y.I.

There have been well over 4000 hits on the reunion website as of press time, which means the reunion is attracting attention. From the list of those registered to attend, we have pulled some names from way back. Here is who is attending: from way back so far

From 1953: Don Hall, Gareth Kellett, Donald Loucks & Hugh Vasey. **From 1954:** Joan Beattie (Hewitt), Shirley Bennett (Dawson), Harriette Bumister (Lazier), James Greg Johnston, Doris Winter, and Dorothy Thayer (Henwood).



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If you are looking to do something quite different consider heading to the Gooderham Community centre on April 14th at 7 pm to take in 'Trekking Through East Africa'- a travelogue featuring Jack and Diane Jackson. The evening will prove to be very interesting and is a fundraiser for the Health Services

Jack and Diane recently took an expedition to East Africa where they accomplished a dream of a lifetime. They climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro with 6 other people and their guides. "It was a very dangerous journey. The altitude makes you really sick," says Jack. He continues, "Some people ask me why would I want to do this? I reply why wouldn't I want to do it. My aunt and uncle climbed the mountain 50 years ago and I always wanted to. The scenery was beautiful. It's just incredible what altitude can do to a person. Some people get violently and deathly ill climbing mountains. I didn't realize how it was affecting me until near the end. I couldn't stand up. The act of just tying up your shoes can almost totally beat you up and knock you over. I made it to the top, but came close to a coma and body bag near the end"

Jack and Diane toured east Africa for nearly a month with four other people and discovered the Serengeti on a safari. "You couldn't see grass for animals. There are over 14,000 square miles in the Serengeti and over 2.5 million animals migrate to Kenya. We saw lions, elephants- just every animal! We were in a land rover and the animals believe you are a rock. Mind you if you had of stepped out of the

vehicle you probably would have been taken care of real quick."

The group even met with some of the Massai tribe- Nomads who still hunt with real spears. "They are a very happy people and are extremely family oriented. Seeing the culture in Africa is very interesting. In fact we found out when we were in Tanzania there are over 120 different ethnic groups that get along with each other just fine. We

never felt threatened there, but we were still careful."

Jack says they were recently at a Community Luncheon in Gooderham and showing pictures of their trip when Gooderham action Committee member Elva Bates thought it would be interesting to hold a fundraising evening where the couple could talk to Jack and Diane about their experience in Africa. It made sense to Jack that people in the community do get interested in what other people do and have done, and the couple agreed. Jack and Diane have created a DVD slide show with music for the evening and will show it

on a big wall on the 14th. They will have artifacts they brought back with them including actual spears from the 'Massai' tribe. If you have ever had an interest in travelling to Africa or seeing some amazing pictures and hearing a real life story of adventure, be sure to attend. Jack says the presentation will last around one to one and a half hours. There will be refreshments afterwards. The cost of admission for the evening is \$10 with all proceeds going to the Health Foundation. If you want to learn more about this fundraising event, contact either Elva Bates at 447-2977, Dale Walker at 457-1580 or Jack at 447-2798.



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Annual Meeting:

In the spring edition of "The Highland Veteran" which was mailed to members PLEASE NOTE that there is an error in the date of the May general meeting. It is as always the second Thursday of the month, which is May 13th at 7:30 p.m. Not the date in the bulletin. This is an important meeting as is the Nominations and election.

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Sign up sheets are available in Minden at Golden Stationers on Main Street or in Haliburton at the Haliburton Highlands Learning Program located in the former Victoria Street School. With a minimum of \$15 of pledges the bowling will be free and you will be eligible for one of many door prizes. Prizes will also be awarded to the biggest fundraiser and the bowlers with the highest singles and triples.

There is only room for 36 bowlers at the Minden lanes and 36 at Carnarvon Bowl, so sign up now to be part of this FUN event. For more information, call Willamay Lee at 457-3511.

The Haliburton Highlands Learning Program is a community-based program where volunteer tutors work with adults seeking to upgrade their literacy skills. Funds from our Bowl-a-thon are used to enhance materials and services. For more information, or to volunteer, call the HHLP office at 457-3430.



What's up @ Hal High?

School news for the students - by the students

by Brendan Farrell

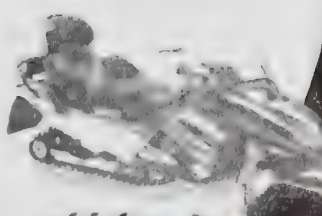


In the month of April your student council (S.A.C.) is doing a few different things, so listen up. During the first two weeks of April the S.A.C. will be selling chocolate bars for \$2.00. This is to help raise money for the S.A.C. so they can bring you

more fun events such as dances. So get out there and support your S.A.C.

During the last two weeks of April the S.A.C. is having a film competition. What happens is that students are able to make school made videos to be presented to the S.A.C for judging. The best video from our school will be able to compete with the best videos from other schools in our district. For complete details see Co-Captains Luke Wu or Jillian Brown.

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The phrase "Spring forward, fall back" helps people remember how to set their clocks.

At 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in April, we set our clocks forward one hour ahead of standard time ("spring forward"). We "fall back" at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to standard time. The change to Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During World War II the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time. Arizona, Hawaii, parts of Indiana, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have chosen not to observe Daylight Saving Time.

In Canada, Time Zones and Daylight Saving Time usually have been regulated by provincial and territorial governments. Clocks are turned forward by one hour on the first Sunday in April and turned back on the last Sunday of October. Time Zones have been like this since 1988.

Other parts of the world observe Daylight Saving Time as well. While European nations have been taking advantage of the time change for decades, in 1996 the European Union (EU) standardized a EU-wide "summertime period." The EU version of Daylight Saving Time runs from the last Sunday in March through the last Sunday in October. During the summer, Russia's clocks are two hours ahead of standard time. During the winter, all 11 of the Russian time zones are an hour ahead of standard time. During the summer months, Russian clocks are advanced another hour ahead. With their high latitude, the two hours of Daylight Saving Time really helps to save daylight. In the southern hemisphere where summer comes in December, Daylight Saving Time is observed from October to March. Equatorial and tropical countries (lower latitudes) don't observe Daylight Saving Time since the daylight hours are similar during every season, so there's no advantage to moving clocks forward during the summer.

The next time you're changing your clocks for Daylight Saving Time, remember that it's not just trying to mess up your schedule but its purpose is to save energy.

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To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a newspaper

To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to Meet

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person Who has missed the train, bus or plane

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ties. They are Wintergreen, (located on County Rd 1 in Gelert open every weekend in April), Maple Moon (located on Hwy 118, 5 km west of Haliburton village at County Rd. #14), Waverly Brook Farm, (located at 1632 Old Donald Rd, Haliburton), Iron Kettle Maple Products (on County Rd 18 off #121 near Ingolsby), and Cossette Maple Syrup, who cannot open to the public due to their workload, (their products are available locally though). All maple bushes except Cossette are open to the public on this weekend and welcome visitors.

The Lochlin United Church will also be open for their annual Pancake and sausage brunch and bake sale featuring all you can eat on the Saturday of Maplefest.

Plan to visit all these wonderful locations during the weekend as each and everyone has something different to show you and something different to offer. It's definitely interesting to see if you have never seen it done, and it's a fun day out. Plus, lets not forget- you get to sample the FRESHEST- just made- tastiest maple syrup around.



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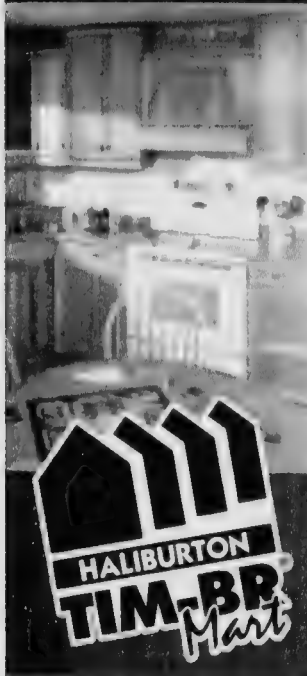
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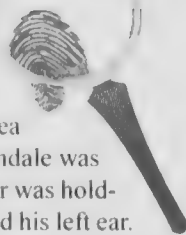
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Who Dun-It

Detective Minden arrived at the jewellery store where he was met by Constable Harcourt. He was directed to a small office area at the back of the store where constable Irondale was talking with the store manager. The manager was holding a wet towel to the back of his head behind his left ear. Two men were sitting at a small table behind them. Each of the men was frantically writing on a piece of paper. They looked like a mirror image of each other with their heads down over the papers, they were concentrating so intently. Minden



Case of the "Striking" Bandit

soon found out why the two men were writing on the paper.

"Thanks for coming right away Detective", said Irondale. "Mr. Roberts, the manager of the store is here. He says he was here alone facing the front of the store with his back to the office when he was struck on the head from behind and robbed. He says he's sure no

one could have sneaked in to the store past him. That means only one of these two men who are the assistant managers could have come in the back door because they both have keys to the back door. I asked them to both write out on paper exact explanations of where they were and what they were doing at the time of the robbery. You can go ahead and question them now Detective."

"I don't think that will be necessary Constable. It looks like you have already solved this crime and we can probably figure out who did it right now," replied Minden.

Who does Detective Minden suspect & why?

answer pg. 55

A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.



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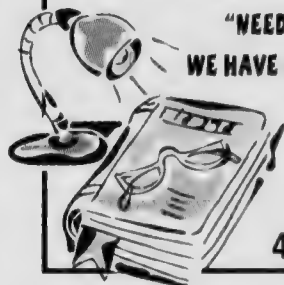
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Easter Seals Campaign: Post Your Paper Egg!

Local retailers began to post paper eggs in their windows recently in a growing display of support for kids with physical disabilities. The Paper Egg Campaign for Easter Seals Kids runs from March 19th to April 11th, an important part of The Easter Seal Society Ontario's fundraising and awareness campaign.

Patrons are encouraged to donate \$2 for a paper egg, to be posted in the store window with the patron's name. Throughout the province retail stores are participating. Locally you can find the Easter seals paper eggs at these participating stores:

In WEST GUILFORD- West Guilford Shopping Center.

In MINDEN- Easton's Value Mart, Minden Lanes, Dollo's IGA, V&S Department store. In HALIBURTON - Haliburton IGA, Easton's Value Mart, V&S Plaza.

In WILBERFORCE- Wilberforce IGA

In KINMOUNT- Kinmount Foodland.

Proceeds go towards funding of essential communications and mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, braces and communication aids, Easter Seals Camps, and funding of recreational choices such as day camps, swimming and art classes. Last year the Paper Egg Campaign raised a remarkable \$460,000 for kids with physical disabilities.

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Mike Varty states, "we've been getting a lot of inquiries and requests to engrave in glass. I was doing a lot of research and watching this new machine. It's finally here and it does so much more than what the previous engraver does. It has a computerized sensor built into it, it's a lot faster and can just do way more things."

The engraver operates off a PC (personal computer) so if you have some artwork and supply it to Vartys on disc, they can engrave it on the product you want. "We can put corporate logos on product and we have many different logos on file to engrave too," says Mike. "If someone wants wine glasses for their wedding and wants a graphic of

doves for example on the glass, we have that. If they want a teddy bear engraved with a child's name on something for a christening gift, we can do that no problem."

Engraving has come a long way since Varty's Jewellery and Gifts has been in business. Varty's first engraving machine was purchased in 1964 (and is still in operation today). "That one is made by Newhermes. They were a big manufacturer back then," says Mike. "It was all manual but still a tough machine." In 1984 Vartys moved onto a newer machine that used the DOS system and E-Prom chips. It was almost computerized and part of it resembled an old electric typewriter.

Enter the year 2004 and the possibilities are greater for sure in the engraving world. Vartys Jewellery and gifts can engrave a large number of items for you including jewellery, picture frames, birth record cups, anniversary gifts, retirement and wedding gifts, trophies, key chains, desk name

plates, lapel pins and so much more.

Be sure to head in and check out what the new engraver can do. Talk to Mike, Kim or Diane and feel free to ask questions and let them show you some samples. Remember, everyone loves to hear and see their name - so when you present someone special with a gift in the future, be sure to take it to Varty's Jewellery and Gifts to have your special message and name put on it. The person you are presenting the gift to will love you for it!!

Varty's Jewellery and Gifts is located on Highland St. in Haliburton beside the Molou Theater and is open for business 9-5 Monday thru Friday and on Saturdays 9-4:30. To reach Vartys call 457-2911.



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Book Release: Rent Your Cottage For Profit

Local Woman Releases Helpful How To Book

If you own a cottage or home on the water and you have ever considered renting it for profit, but weren't quite sure about how to go about it, you need to get yourself a copy of 'Renting For Profit' by Gooderham resident Heather Bayer.

Heather operates a company called CottageLink, which manages property rentals for property owners. Her husband Phil operates Clearwater Holidays, which is a UK business that rents Ontario and Quebec properties to UK and International customers.

Heather has drawn on her own experiences to create 'Renting For Profit- A complete guide to making your cottage work for you.' The book is aimed at the many existing cottage owners who are either already renting or considering renting their cottage for the first time, as well as the growing number of investors who recognize the income generating potential of buying vacation property to rent.

"There's huge opportunity in this market," says Heather. "The 2003 Royal Le Page recreational property report says in the next three years 6% of Canadians will be looking to buy a cottage and 40% of them will be putting their cottages up for rental. That's a lot of cottages. There's a shortage of cottages right now as well."

Renting for profit covers every aspect of developing a suc-

cessful and profitable rental business, and packs a considerable amount of useful information and resources into its pages.

The book also has an accompanying CD with all your planning tools from worksheets, and marketing tools, to website design concepts and much more. As Heather puts it, "in general, with the book and CD, people will have everything they need to get started renting their cottages for profit."

The book features anecdotal experiences from both cottage owners and renters to help illustrate the positive and negative aspects of opening up one's vacation property to the paying guest, and serves to highlight some of the traps for the unwary. Renting For Profit offers a wealth of practical advice on everything from setting a

realistic rental rate, carrying out a cottage audit and preparing for rental. All in all, the book and CD are a substantial and invaluable "how-to" course.

Renting For Profit was released at the recent Cottage Life Show and is available to purchase online @ www.cottageknowledge.com for \$19.95. If you are not online and wish to purchase the book, you can contact Heather at 447-2535 or 1-866-323-6698. Happy profitable renting!!



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Urban Legends

A young man had just bought a brand new Jeep Grand Cherokee, complete with sunroof and all the trimmings, and decided to go on vacation to Denmark with a group of friends. The gang, being of the partying sort, buy liquor and beer to supply them for the trip.

While on their trip, they decided to visit a safari park where you drive through in your own car. At the entrance to the park, and indeed all through the park, there were signs reminding patrons that the animals in the park are wild and that all windows must remain rolled up at all times. But it was hot that day, and the guy's friends had been drinking a good deal of beer, so everyone decided that they could have the sunroof open and leave the windows closed.

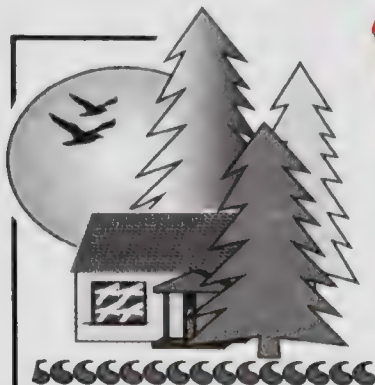
The group drives on through the park, drinking and blasting the stereo, when a giraffe takes notice and starts to move toward them. Cool, they thought, and they stop the vehicle and watch to see what the beast will do.

Curious, the giraffe approaches them and one guy decides to entice the animal with one of the beers that they have by holding it out the sunroof. This really gets the beast's attention and he comes running up to the car and starts drinking the beer that is being poured onto the roof for the giraffe to lap up.

It is at this point that the animal decides to peek in to see if there is any more of that delicious liquid and before they can get the beer in and close the sunroof, the giraffe has his head all the way in the car and is looking for more beer. Terrified, the driver pushes the button for the sunroof to close, effectively putting the animal's neck in a vice grip, whereupon the animal panics and vomits repeatedly. When park officials arrive, they are able to get the giraffe unstuck, and invite our travelers to leave the park and never return.

Unable to find a place to clean the car and their belongings on a weekend, the group decides to take the next ferry back to Sweden. Of course, upon entering the country, the boarder guards become suspicious of the young men and search the vehicle, finding of course more than the legal limit of alcohol for transportation across the boarder (they hadn't had time to drink up what they had bought for the weekend) and charge them with fines and duties for the offence.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.



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Let The Games Continue!!

The sun is starting to shine which means summer is just around the corner. The warmer weather also heralds the end of the Senior Winter Games and the beginning of the Senior Summer Games.

The Summer Games schedule is now set and now is the time to sign up. The event is for anyone who is 55 or older by the end of 2004.

This is an Actifest Year with the Provincial Finals in St. Catharines, August 16th-18th.

Any senior is invited to participate in as many events as she or he would like. The fees are very reasonable. One event \$6. Two events \$8. and Three or more events \$10.

Registration Forms are available in any of our county libraries, Legions, and other senior centres. Please call Robert at 754 9747 or Jack at 457 9448 for more information.

Here is the schedule for District 11, which includes all of Haliburton and Muskoka Counties.

Senior Summer Games Calender of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Euchre	May 11,	1:00 p.m.	Haliburton Legion
5 Pin Bowling	May 12&13	9:00 a.m./ 1:00p.m.	Carnarvon
9 Ball	May 14	10:00 a.m.	Gravenhurst
Walking	May 17	9:00 a.m.	Haliburton Docks
Darts	May 19	11:00 a.m.	Kinmount Legion
Swimming	May 20	1:00 p.m.	WigA Mog
Cribbage	May 21	1:00 p.m.	Kinmount Legion
Carpet Bowling	May 26	9:00 a.m.	Cardiff
Snooker	May 27	10:00 a.m.	Gravenhurst
Horseshoes	May 28	10:00 a.m.	Gooderham
Golf	May 31	9:00 a.m.	Hal. High, Golf Course
Contract Bridge	June 1	1:00 p.m.	Stanhope
Tennis	June 3	9:00 a.m.	Haliburton
Duplicate Bridge	June 7	1:00 p.m.	T.B.A
Bid Euchre	June 8	1:00 p.m.	Haliburton Legion
Shuffle Board	June 10	9:00 a.m.	Minden
Lawn Bowling	June 11	10:00 a.m.	Minden
Crokinole	June 16	1:00 p.m.	West Guilford

Lions Journey To Conquer Blindness & Support Dog Guide Program

The Kinmount & District Lions Club will embark on a "Lion's Journey" to raise funds to pay for the purchase and training of guide dogs for the blind and to help the sight impaired in our area.

When a Lions member of volunteer walker calls to ask for your pledge, please respond generously you will be adding your name to the missions of people who have helped Lions Sight programs.

If you want, you can even take part by getting your pledge sheet from one of the Lion's club reps. And taking part.

The walk is schedule for the first Sunday in May at 2 p.m., leaving from the Kinmount Railway Station. To make a pledge, or to take part and get your pledge sheet, contact Lion Vince Leveck at 447-2955, Lion Vic Ballik at 488-3053, or Lions Journey chairman Lion Doug King at 489-4083.

"Somebody has well said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Most of the stuff people worry about never happens.

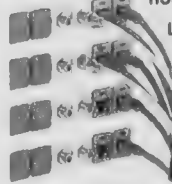
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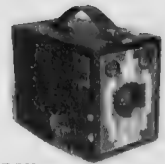
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Picture Perfect

by Lori Roberts

We've Come A Long Way Since This...



With the ever-changing world of photography, some might find all the new technology a little confusing. I will, from time to time,

attempt to answer some of the more common questions about this industry through these articles to the Communicator.

First I would like to introduce my self. My name is Lori Roberts. I have owned the photo shop in Minden for 13 lucky years. Our name, Photo Solutions, describes our goals to help you to get the best results to enjoy your photos.

In order to assist you with these goals, we have stayed current with

new technologies in the photo business. Not only do we process 35mm and APS films, we now can quickly print you digital Images on silver Halide paper. Our new photo lab also gives you more choices with how you receive you photos. Some of the choices are: Matte or Glossy paper, bordered prints, enlargements, pictures to CDs, Greeting cards and the best new feature is red eye removal. We also have an online photo service.

We are going to cover topics that we see will benefit the average photo taker. We welcome your response and invite you to email us with your questions regarding photo situations. Some of the frequently asked questions will become a topic in future articles.

OUR FIRST TOPIC IS THE DIGITAL CAMERA

How do you know what you need?

First figure out what your requirements are. 1. Make a list of things you plan to do with a Digital camera and the images you get from it. 2. Do you want prints, or are you happy to keep your pictures on the computer? 3. What size of prints will you want? 4. Do you want creative control? 5. Do you want a simpler system that's automatic? 6. Do you want the camera to fit in your pocket? Does it need to be waterproof? Do you want to zoom objects closer? 7. Do you have a computer? 8. Will you need extra power? 9. How many pictures will you take before downloading them? 10. How much time do you have to sort your photos? 11. Will you be emailing your pictures?

Once you have these answers you'll be much closer to finding the digital camera and accessories that fit your needs.

You will have to realize that basic camera concept still applies with digital cameras. Digital photography will not eliminate all of your photo worries, but with the right information you can explore many new options.

I have had people ask me if the quality is there for photo quality pictures with digital cameras. The answer is YES. One thing for sure, digital offers you more choices.

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Business Section

Beyond the City Lights Rural Tourism Conference

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Beyond the City Lights is a must for anyone involved in tourism. Whether you are a business owner, community event coordinator, attraction operator, accommodation provider, or considering getting into tourism you won't want to miss this conference on Tuesday April 20, 2004 at the Wigamog Inn, Haliburton.

Garth Turner a well-known financial commentator will be the keynote speaker and will share his perspective on "Surviving in an Unpredictable World". The program will feature sessions on: marketing through the media, risk management, tourism trends, marketing on a shoestring budget and business planning tips. Arlene White a tourism consultant from the Niagara area will highlight tourism trends. Come and network with others involved in tourism across the region.

The cost for the full day conference that includes lunch, refreshments and resources is \$50. Register by April 13th Call 1-877-424-1300

For a detailed agenda and registration information visit www.omaf.gov.on.ca see UP FRONT – Beyond the City Lights.

The planning partners include: Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Lindsay and District Chamber of Commerce, City of Kawartha Lakes Economic Development Department and the provincial ministries of Agriculture and Food, Municipal Affairs and Tourism and Recreation. The local sponsors are the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Workforce Development Board.

Kinmount Lions Club Donate To Medical Centre



On March 3rd, The Kinmount and District Lions Club presented Kinmount and District Medical Centre with a cheque for \$5,000. This brings the Lions donations to the centre to \$10,000. The picture above shows Lion President Greg Parrott presenting cheque to Ted Wilkes while members of the Lions club and medical centre look on.

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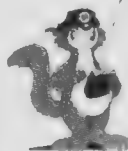
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Canadians plant gardens.	Ottawa canal opens for skating.
35° Fahrenheit (1.6° C)	-173° Fahrenheit (-114° C)
Italian cars won't start.	Ethyl alcohol freezes.
Canadians drive with the windows down.	Canadians get frustrated when they can't thaw the keg.
32° Fahrenheit (0° C)	-460° Fahrenheit (-273° C)
American water freezes.	Absolute zero; all atomic motion stops.
Canadian water gets thicker	Canadians start saying "cold eh?"
0° Fahrenheit (-17.9° C)	-500° Fahrenheit (-295° C)
New York City landlords finally turn on the heat.	Hell freezes over.
Canadians have the last barbecue season.	Leafs win Stanley Cup.
-60° Fahrenheit (-51° C)	With the playoffs starting soon, and Toronto looking good, lets hope that this year, hell freezes over. It certainly has been cold enough to freeze over!!
Mt.St. Helens freezes.	
Canadians Girl Guides sell cookies door-to-door.	

The Pharmacist

A woman walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist for some arsenic.

He says, "What do you want with arsenic?"

She replies, "I want to kill my husband because he cheats on me with another woman."

The pharmacist says, "I can't sell you arsenic so you can kill your husband, lady. Not even if he is cheating on you with another woman."

So she reaches into her pocket and pulls out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist says "Oh, I didn't realize you had a prescription

Marriage Joke...

Husband and wife had a bitter quarrel on the day of their 40th wedding anniversary!

The husband yells, "When you die, I'm getting you a headstone that reads, 'Here Lies My Wife - Cold As Ever.'"

"Yeah?" she replies. "When you die, I'm getting you a headstone that reads, 'Here Lies My Husband Stiff At Last.'"



Lange On The Law



When Can You Sue?

Ancient Ontario laws regarding limitations periods for lawsuits were swept away on January 1, 2004, to the relief of lawyers and their clients. These laws dated from the nineteenth century and were contained in legislation called the *Limitations Act* and in some later acts. This legislation was about the limited time period in which you may commence a lawsuit before you are barred from doing so. It was confusing to say the least. If you suffered injuries from a slip and fall on a municipal sidewalk, you had to sue within three months, but if your slip and fall was in a grocery store parking lot, you had six years to sue. If you were suing for negligence, you had to sue a police officer within six months, a doctor within one year, a car driver within two years, and an architect within six years.

This has now all changed. Under the new *Limitations Act*, there is a two year limitation for most claims. A claim is defined as a lawsuit to remedy an injury or damage that occurred as a result of an action or omission. For example, an action could be the negligent act of driving on the wrong side of the road. An omission could be the failure to perform the terms of a contract. The new Act also applies a discoverability rule. The limitation period runs from the time that a claim (injury, damage, etc.) is discovered. The discoverability date is the date a reasonable person ought to have known of the claim. The law is simpler now but there still remain complicated transition rules between the old and the new law.

In the next column, I will be talking about forcing the sale of a property jointly owned by two or more people.

**Trouble in marriage often starts
when a man gets so busy earnin'
his salt that he forgets his sugar.**

Donald J. Lange, LL.B., Ph.D. (Cantab.)

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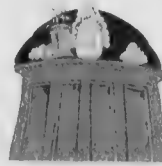
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It's The Law!

Japan's emperor Ichijo (986-1011) once exiled a dog and imprisoned its owner because the dog chased his favorite cat!

In Mobil, Alabama, it was once against the law for women to wear high heels on the street!

In 1785, King Louis XVI of France issued a law stating that the lengths of handkerchiefs must equal their widths!

In 1756, King Fredrick I of Sweden issued a law forbidding the drinking of coffee.

In 1993, the mayor of Cebreros, Spain, officially banned humans and dogs from running in the streets.

The city of Port Henry, N.Y. has passed a law forbidding anyone from disturbing the sea creature believed to live in Lake Champlain!

A law in Gurnee, Illinois, made it illegal for women weighing over two hundred pounds to ride a horse while wearing shorts!

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Appreciate The Things You Have

Stopping to appreciate all we generally take for granted can help put things into perspective and reduce stress. Take some time today to think about what your life would be like without one or more of your senses, then give thanks for all the blessings and what you do have in your life.

Have Patience

Patience is a great barometer of your stress level. As stress climbs, impatience increases and we're less able to handle the ordinary frustrations of life. Take notice of the first signs of decreased patience and practice some relaxation techniques, such as deep, rhythmic breathing, to restore inner calm. If you don't, you may lose more than your patience.

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The guest speaker will be Haliburton's very own Fay Wilkinson. Fay will take you on a playful journey to help ignite your sparks of creativity. Fay Wilkinson has earned a reputation for being a dynamic and entertaining speaker/storyteller as well as an effective and fun motivational trainer. She has been invited to speak at conferences all over the world for major corporations including IBM and Bell Canada. Fay is now a resident of Eagle Lake and she works out of her studio, The Creative Cocoon.

Volunteer BBQ

If you are a volunteer for Home Support don't forget to mark June 13 on your calendar. All Volunteers are invited to a BBQ at Bonnie View Inn on the beautiful Lake Kashagawigamog. Home Support would love to see all volunteers out for this fun filled afternoon. Please call Roxanne at 457-2941 to confirm your attendance.

Annual Spring Golf Classic

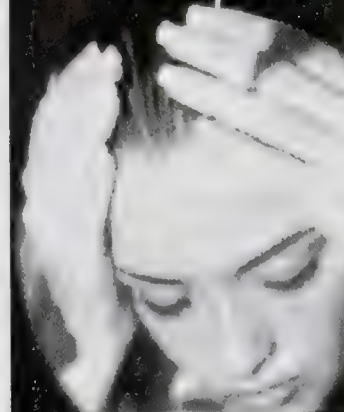
Haliburton County Home Support will be holding its 4th Annual Spring Golf Classic at the Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden. The date for this tournament will be Saturday June 19th. The cost of this tournament which includes the golfing, a cart and a delicious BBQ Roast Beef Dinner is only \$80.00. Remember this would make a great Father's Day gift. Call 457-2941 to book your team in.

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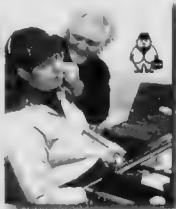
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Prevention 101: Resist the urge to pop a pimple and follow this routine: Try a cleanser containing salicylic acid, which exfoliates the dead cells that clog pores (such as L'Oreal Pure Zone Skin Clearing Foaming Cleanser). Spot-treat blemishes with an acne-fighting 5-percent benzoyl-peroxide cream.

More CPR Courses For April In Wilberforce

If you missed out on the recent CPR & First Aid courses in Wilberforce, don't fret – Jane will be offering the courses two weekends in April.

Jane Underwood, an RN and Certified CPR and First Aid Instructor is offering 2-day courses, day one is on CPR and day 2 on First Aid. The courses are being held on April 3 & 4, and again on April 24 & 25 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The cost is \$20 for 1 day, or \$40 for 2 days. For further details and to register, please call Jane at 448-9355.

Grief Sharing Seminars Help During Your Time of Loss

Losing someone close to you is probably the most difficult emotional task we face in life. To help you through these times, there is a free griefshare 13-week seminar and support group just for people grieving the loss of someone close to them. This seminar takes place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Lakeside Baptist Church on Park Street in Haliburton.

The griefshare support group & seminars began on March 2 and go to May 25th. Although they have already begun, you can join in at anytime.

For information or to register, please call Doug or Pat Hardy at 457-5188 or Sue Bain at 457-2570.

Hot Stone Massage: What is it?

Give Yourself The Ultimate Treat. Book Yourself A Massage!

Hot stone massage is a form of thermal hydrotherapy using deep penetrating heat from smooth basalt stones or natural river stones for the purpose of changing the physiological responses that are going on in the body to promote healing. It is an ancient healing art that has recently been rediscovered.

Circulation is rapidly changed with the use of hot and cold stones as well as nutrition and the way that every cell in the body functions. Detoxification is increased. When the circulation is increased the quality of the blood is improved and therefore healing occurs. It accelerates the exchange of blood, lymph and digestive fluids in the body.

Some benefits from hot stone massage are: stimulates immune system; improves vitality and general health; improves digestion; relaxes nervous system; relieves menstrual cramps; relieves joint pain; reduces inflammation; relieves headaches; and detoxifies the body.

Hot stone therapy goes beyond the physical experience of typical massage and enters deeper dimensions of sensations in relaxation, health and well-being.

Basalt stones used in hot stone are modified ingenious rock that is formed by volcanic sedimentary action.

Natural river stones are gathered from nature. They get their unique shapes by interacting with other stones, water and the earth. This makes them more durable than cut or polished stones because of their natural tumbling.

"I have found either type as long as they are naturally formed to be equally beneficial in hot stone massage," explains Darlene McConnell owner of Lady Esther Esthetics in West Guilford. Lady Esther's is currently introducing hot stone massage to their list of services.

She continues to explain that cold stones used are either marine rocks or marble, which are refrigerated or frozen to draw pain from certain areas of the body.

Other spas that we know of in the area also providing hot stone massage include The Magic Touch Salon located in the lower level of Stedmen's Mall in Haliburton, Wind in the Willows Day Spa located on North Kashagawigamog near Haliburton, Touch of Grace (Full service Travelling Day Spa) covering all the Highlands, The Hair

Lounge in Carnarvon.

All these spas, that we know of, also offer aromatherapy massage, which incorporates the usage of essential oils to address specific needs for the individual receiving the massage. Aromatherapy massage offers a true sensory experience, combining the power of classic Swedish massage with the power of smell. This form deeply relaxes tense muscles, detoxifying the body and rejuvenating the mind.

Many of these spas also offer good old relaxation massage, as well as other forms of massage. Whatever form it's all good and all relaxing.

Also offering aromatherapy & relaxation massage is Angel's Spa, located at the Delta Pinestone Resort near Haliburton, and Danielle's Hair Salon located in Haliburton.

Registered massage therapists in the area who also offer a variety of massage styles include: Joan LaCroix RMT - Highlands Chiropractic in Minden - 286-5125; Monika Lorentzen RMT - Haliburton Chiropractic - 457-3500; Marlene MacDonald RMT, Haliburton - 457-8833, and Jacqueline Ziorjen RMT - Of Sound Body in Minden - 286-1123.

Contact spas in your area to see if they also offer these treatments, or contact one of the mentioned spas that we know offers massage treatment of one kind or another - you will thank yourself for it.

The hot stone massage treatment takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes for a full body. I'll tell you... that is one hour I could handle - couldn't you?

For more information you can contact Darlene at Lady Esther Esthetics - 754-3034, or The Magic Touch Salon at 457-5043, or Angel Spa at 457-1800, or Wind in the Willows Day Spa at 457-1838, or Of Sound Body at 286-1123, or Touch of Grace (Full Service Travelling Day Spa) - 286-6660, or Danielle's Hair Salon & Day Spa at 457-9029 or The Hair Lounge in Carnarvon at 489-3311.

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Travel & Fitness in the NHL

My article this month is about travel and fitness in the NHL, today and when I played. Oh how things have changed. I will let you know that I know a lot of things have changed in life since I played and please understand I was very appreciative of the way we were treated back when I played, but like I say, things have changed.

I will tell you a story about playing junior hockey in London, Ont. We used to take a bus to most of our games when I played in the O.H.I. But when we were playing in Montreal we would take the train and we all looked forward to that trip. As you know, boys will be boys, and after the games in Montreal (the drinking age was 18) we would tell Turk (Broda) our coach we were going for some food for the train ride home, but we would go and have a few beers and we'd buy some for the ride home. We used to leave right after the game in Montreal.

Turk was great, and of course he knew what all the older players were up to, and he would allow us to have some fun on the way home to London, as long as we didn't wreck anything, and showed respect for who was around us, he would let us rip it up. About three hours out of Montreal, the porter would come and tell us that Turk is coming. We gave the Porter a few bucks to warn us. We were all in one sleeping car and Turk in another. I can still remember Turk walking down the aisle of the train, and we were all in our bunks pretending we were asleep and Turk would say to us, "who do you guys think you are kidding?" (As we lay in our bunks very quiet)

"I know you have had a few beers and I hope you had a good time, but the party is over, so I don't want to hear any more noise." Needless to say, we all had great respect for Turk and the party was over. I can still remember what a great thrill that was taking the train to Montreal.

On one of our trips to Montreal, the Montreal Canadians were heading home from playing in Chicago, and we were getting on the train on a Sunday morning to play in Montreal. Turk took us up to the Canadians car and we all met them. I can still remember shaking Jean Beliveau hand and couldn't believe how big he was. Boy, were we ever in awe of them and how they were all so good to us, taking this time to talk and answer questions.

I can still remember my first game I played for the Minnesota North Stars and it was against Montreal, and it was two years after I had met Jean Beliveau and the Canadians and here I am facing off against him. What a thrill! That same night, John Ferguson crunched me in the back as I was leaving the ice to go to our bench, and it knocked me to the floor. When I got up, I said to the trainer, "what the heck was that", and he said, "just look to the right". There was Ferguson sitting on the Canadian bench yelling over at me, laughing and saying, "welcome to the league kid."

When we travelled in the NHL in my career, 67/68 to 82/83, we always flew everywhere like they do today, but my era we took a lot of commercial flights, so there was always a lot of delays and idle time in the airports. My 3 years in Oakland playing for the Seals was unbelievable. We used to go on the road for about three weeks sometimes. We used to have so much fun acting I guess like kids. One trick we used to do was if one of our fellow team mates was sitting reading the newspaper at the gate waiting to board the plane, one of us would sneak near him and lit the paper on fire, and the rest would start yelling "hot news". The regular passengers must have thought we

were crazy, and I think today, we would be arrested. But that was the kid coming out of us

One trick we used to do was put a ten to twenty dollar bill on a piece of thread and lay it in the path of passengers walking by. We would all be sitting at the gate, and when a passenger would bend down to pick it up, the thread would pull the money to us, and the guy would almost fall down. Of course we would all be laughing, and needless to say, the guy was very upset, but there was like 20 of us "big kids" so nothing ever happened other than we would get a lot of verbal abuse - like "grow up you *%\$&s." Boy, were we childish back then. But that was our way of passing time. You learn to have patience and fun. I could tell you so many stories, but I would take up the whole Communicator

The travel in the NHL today is a lot different than when I played.

Some teams still take commercial flights, but most of them have charter flights to and from the games. This is so great because you are not wasting a lot of time in airports and you are not on a set schedule. You can get to the game at a different time, and get home early so you are more rested than when we played. Some teams even have their own plane. Charters, and teams with their own planes can have a menu of their own choice instead of regular plane food and believe me, that's a big difference.

Teams that play in the east today have such a great advantage when it comes to travel. They spend so much time in their own bed at home instead of some hotel room. Most teams charter home

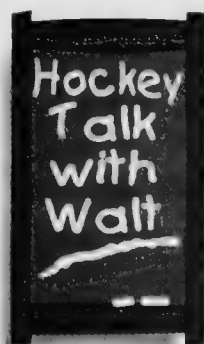
after the game in the east, unless they are playing again the next night. Most teams in the west have their own planes, and that helps a lot, because of money and time not wasted in airports.

The players today probably wouldn't play silly games we played in airports because first of all, they would be arrested, and secondly, they would probably be checking their investments on their laptop or reading the stock market. No sour grapes intended, but boy do they make a lot of money today. We didn't have lap tops and not many of us had enough money left over to invest in the stock market, but we had a lot of fun. Who am I kidding, I would love to cash some of those cheques today.

Today, players get around \$80 U.S. per day menu allowance on the road, and almost everything is paid for. Hell, we could have lived off their meal money.

I think at the end of my career, we were getting around \$20 per day and if you were in Canada, it was in Canadian funds, and believe me, not everything was given to us.

In regard to fitness, the players today are in better shape than we were. They train pretty well 12 months a year. Needless to say, we used to enjoy our summers and wouldn't start to think about training till about August. Of course everybody had a different program as to when to start. My first summer in the Highlands was in 1970 and when Wren Blair and Jim Gregory offered me a job at the Haliburton Hockey School, they put me in a cottage on Maple Lake and my cottage was the social centre. We had a lot of parties. That was the year I met Bryan Bugsy Watson. Boy did we have fun that summer and needless to say, ever since. If you know Bryan, you will know what I mean. He is more fun than ever, and I think he's crazier than ever today. We talk on a regular basis, and I see him at his cottage in the summer.



By Walt McKechnie
former NHL player

Walt cont'd... pg. 33...



Maybe they should Kiss and make up.

Kendel Ehrlich, the wife of Maryland's governor, gave a speech at a conference on domestic violence. In her remarks, Ehrlich, a former county prosecutor, said "You know, really, if I had an opportunity to shoot Britney Spears, I think I would." After an

outcry, the first lady's spokeswoman said Ehrlich "inadvertently used a figure of speech" to express concern over the singer's songs. In a public apology, Ehrlich suggested Spears should come to Maryland to do a benefit concert for victims of domestic violence.

Whose Minding The Store?

The U.S. was put on a terrorism "Orange Alert" over the Christmas holidays, with special attention to be paid to New Year's eve. The nation's airports were on "extraordinary" alert. At Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C., Transportation Security Administration security chief Charles Brady, 49, was supposed to be on duty until 2:00 a.m. January 1st to oversee security. But around 1:00 a.m. Brady was pulled over by police, off airport grounds, and charged with drunk driving. So who was at the airport overseeing security? "I couldn't tell you," said a TSA spokeswoman.



Forget "compare and contrast"; schoolchildren now learn "text-to-text connections". They don't go to "home room" but rather "Achievement Time" or, in some schools, "Time to Care". The temporary classroom is now a "learning cottage" rather than a "trailer". Even the humble essay is gone, replaced by the "extended constructed response".

"If teachers want to talk in those terms among themselves, they're welcome to," says Vocabulary Review publisher Hartwell Fiske. "But introducing children to them is criminal, dehumanizing." Students

agree. "It's like renaming a prison 'The Happy Fun Place'," complains a Maryland senior. "Tests should be called tests."

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Players Waiting In The Wings To Take Pro Spots - Players Must Be Fit!

...from pg. 32

I use to be concerned about the noise we would make at our parties, and I would apologize to our neighbours in the morning. He would say the noise doesn't bother me at 3 in the morning; it is when I look out my kitchen window at 6 in the morning and see you guys out waterskiing. George thought we were a little crazy, but again, we sure had fun, and thank goodness nobody got hurt. Again, I could tell you a lot of stories about my early years in the Highlands and the hockey school.

Don't get me wrong, it wasn't all party. We trained hard, and got ourselves in good shape for camp. But back then they gave you a few weeks to get into game shape before playing games. When I was growing up, I use to do a lot of push-ups - I never lifted many weights.

Today players are so fit and I guess I would be too if I was making millions and knew everyone else was so fit. We had competition at our position, but today with so many teams, there are a lot of players that are waiting in the minors to take your spot - you don't want to let your guard down. On each team, there are probably 3 - 6 players in the minors who are as good as 3 - 6 players on the NHL team.

The players lift to many weights, and I believe that is why there are so many stomach muscles pulled. We had groin pulls, but not like today. I have never heard of so many stomach muscle pulls. They say that Roberts is so fit that I think that he over trains, and that is why he pulls muscles so much.

The players ride more stationary bikes after games then I would ride in a season. We only road the bike to get in shape after an injury.

Like everything in life, there have been a lot of changes in the modern NHL compared to my era. The travel, the meal money, time management on road, eating habits, fitness training - have all gotten better, but one area they will never touch was in the camaraderie we had among one another and the bonds we formed then - and are so solid today. I am so lucky to have played in the NHL and cherish those bonds so much. Not many days or weeks go by without a phone call, or I see one of my hockey pals. Bryan and I still have a lot of fun in Eagle Lake, but we are a lot smarter since we both practice 'Moderation 101 Eagle Lake'.

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The "Hills Come Alive" In The Highlands This Summer...

Let the mysteries and the love stories begin.

The casting is now complete for the final two productions in this year's Highlands Summer Festival schedule. Director David Phillips announced his choices for *The Perfect Rhyme* and *Thriller of the Year* earlier this week.

"I am pleased with the strong cast we have in both productions,"

Phillips, who is returning for his third year with the Festival, stated "I think these are going to be two very interesting productions."

The Perfect Rhyme, by Barry Yzereef, is the story of a love-sick poet who has been penning verses of adoration for his love, who he has only seen from afar. She confronts the love-struck poet and attempts to bring his pining to an end. The clash of wills, witnessed by the poet's servant, provides the setting for this rollicking and sometimes bawdy comedy. Donna Gagnon will be playing the role of the aggrieved lady, while Tim Nicholson is the poet. Both are veterans of the Festival stage. Gagnon was on stage in the opening season and has co-directed and stage managed several productions. Nicholson appeared last year in *The Mumberley Inheritance* and previously in *There Goes The Bride*. The servant will be played by high school student Arlen Mighton-Davis. This is his second Festival role, making his debut in the *Mumberley Inheritance* last season.

Thriller of the Year, by Glyn Jones, is the story of a writer of mysteries whose latest critically acclaimed book, suddenly comes to life. The plot twists she describes in her book start to happen in her life, but this time, she is the target. Maureen Johnson has been cast as the author Gillian Howard. Her publisher, Irene Knight will be played by Carolyn Emmerson, while Eleanor Cooper will step into the role of Madge Robinson, the author's secretary. Fiona Stewart has the role of Dr. Beryl Spence, while the author's mother-in-law, Edith Howard, will be played by Leslie English. All five actors have appeared in recent Highlands Summer Festival productions.

The casting for other two production was completed earlier this year. *The Sound of Music* and the classical music concert, this year called *Encore*, round out the schedule for the Highlands Summer Festival this summer.

Season passes for the Festival are available at The Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and The Storeroom in Minden. Passes and single tickets are also available through the box office at 705-457-9933. A complete schedule of summer production can be found on the Festival's website: www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca



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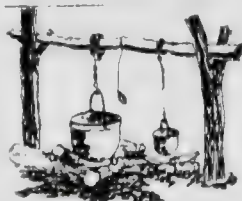
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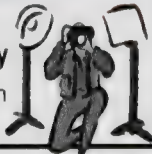
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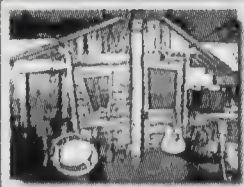
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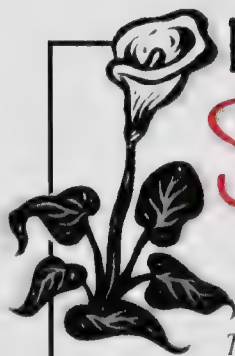


The Monthly Hodgepodge

by Melissa Dudgeon



The boys from period 3. (From the left) Ryan Hie, Paul Griffin, Jessie Woodward, Cody Clark, Matt Trucan, Scott Duggan. UPDATE: Matt is not single, Jessie is a backstreet boy.



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Maple Syrup Barbecue Sauce

3/4 cup (175 ml) pure maple syrup
1 cup (250 ml) ketchup
2 tsp (10 ml) grated lemon rind, optional
1 cup (250 ml) onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup (50 ml) brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 cup (50 ml) lemon juice
2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup (50 ml) water
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
2 Tbsp (30 ml) garlic, finely chopped or crushed
1/2 tsp (2 ml) coriander, optional

Combine all ingredients in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, uncovered, in refrigerator for up to 1 month. Yield: about 4 cups (1 L). Use on your favourite meat. For oven or barbecue.

Maple Chicken

2 lb (1 kg) chicken pieces
1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (50 ml) vegetable oil
1/2 cup (125 ml) maple syrup
2 Tbsp (30 ml) cider vinegar
2 Tbsp (30 ml) sherry
2 Tbsp (30 ml) soya sauce
2 tsp (10 ml) ground ginger
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp (2 ml) pepper
1/4 tsp (1 ml) paprika

Coat chicken pieces well with flour. In large nonstick fry pan, add vegetable oil. Cook for 5 minutes, browning well, turn often. Arrange in 9" x 12" baking dish. In small bowl, mix together maple syrup, vinegar, sherry, soya sauce, ginger, garlic, pepper and paprika. Pour over chicken evenly. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes to 1 hour, turning once during baking. Cover with foil, if browning too quickly. Garnish with freshly chopped parsley.

The Maple Cake Dessert

1 lemon cake mix (white cake is fine too)
19 oz 540 mL can unsweetened crushed pineapple
1/4 cup 50 mL Maple Syrup

Mix these two ingredients together and set aside.
8 oz 250 g Philadelphia Cream Cheese

1 1/2 cups 375 mL milk
1 Tbsp 15 mL Maple Syrup
1 package lemon or vanilla instant pudding

Cool Whip

Mix cake mix and bake as directed on box (use an 9 X 13 inch pan or larger). Immediately when the cake is baked and removed from the oven spread the pineapple and 1/4 cup 50 mL of Maple Syrup over the cake. Let cool for at least an hour. Beat Philadelphia cream cheese in medium size bowl and blend in milk, maple syrup, pudding until real smooth. Spread over cake and refrigerate until ready to serve. Top with Cool Whip and drizzle Maple Syrup over each serving. This cake can be made the day before.

All Time Favorite Pancakes

1 1/2 cups 375 mL all-purpose flour
3 1/2 tsp 17 mL baking powder
3/4 tsp 3 mL salt
2 Tbsp 30 mL natural bran
1 egg beaten
1 3/4 cups 425 mL milk
3 Tbsp 45 mL butter or oil melted

1 Tbsp 15 mL maple syrup
In large mixing bowl, sift flour, baking powder, salt and bran. Combine egg, milk, oil and maple syrup. Make a well in dry ingredients; add liquid. Stir until smooth. Let rest for 3-4 minutes. Pour batter onto hot griddle and cook on 1 side until puffy, full of bubbles and lightly brown. Turn only once and cook the other side. Fold in a few fresh or thawed blueberries for a special treat. When a little maple syrup is added to batter mixture, a more even browning will occur. Serve with maple syrup, maple butter or maple jelly. This recipe serves about 6 people.

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Pringles Cove has a nice sandy beach for swimming and a floating dock, volleyball, horseshoe pits some great Bass fishing and miles of mountain bike trails close by. It is also close to the OFSC (snowmobile) trails. During winter months you can cross country ski on their trails, skate on the ice rink on the lake or ice fish on Tamarack and surrounding lakes. This cottage resort is just a beautiful place to stay in any season. During the peak seasons Pringles Cove is available to rent by the week, and during non-peak season you can rent by the day. The facilities are



non-smoking.

Tim and Wendy Pringle purchased the property in March 2000. It was formerly known as Winder Wheel Sites, which was mainly used for camping. There were cottages on the property, but they weren't used as rentals at the time. The couple quickly saw the potential and began renovations. Tim is a building contractor so he had no problem with the remodelling. He currently operates his business Pringles Construction full time in the Highlands.

Wendy says their biggest clientele is from southwestern Ontario, but they also draw from Europe and the U.S.A as well - and of course they always welcome locals to visit and have a wonderful relaxing stay.

If you want to get away for a night, a few days, or for a week or more, you don't have to leave your pets at home. Pringles Cove is also pet friendly.

When you visit Pringles Cove you truly come to realize that you can be so

close to home while feeling like you're miles away. You can learn more about Pringles Cove on the Internet by visiting www.pringlescove.com, or by contacting Wendy or Tim at 447-9977.



Accommodating You

Attention resort & motel owners. The Communicator has started an accommodation section that will be featuring local resorts, bed & breakfast spots & motels. We will be doing regular feature stories on the various establishments in the area, and as well, offering local establishments a place to list their accommodations here. Our paper is not only distributed locally, but a great

number of tourists and visitors to the area pick up our magazine from local distribution points.

We hope this new section will help promote your establishment to both locals (who make great referrals), and to visitors to the area.

We will be featuring this section monthly in the dining and entertainment section as many of these places are also great restaurants offering fantastic local dining.

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Razzamatazz Kids Show Presents ...

Get ready for the last show of the Razzamatazz season! On Sunday April 18, 2004 at 2 p.m. Ballet Jorgen will bring "The Velveteen Rabbit" to life at YMCA Camp Wanakita. The classic tale of a well-loved toy that comes to life will enchant children of all ages.

Marjery Williams wrote The Velveteen Rabbit in 1922. Given as a Christmas gift to a young boy, the Velveteen Rabbit lives in the nursery with all of the other toys, waiting for the day when the Boy (as he is called) will choose him as a playmate. In time, the shy Rabbit befriends the tattered Skin Horse, the wisest resident of the nursery, who reveals the goal of all nursery toys - to be made "real" through the love of a human. "'Real isn't how you are made,' said the Skin Horse. 'It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.'"

Six dancers from Ballet Jorgen will come to Haliburton to make the Velveteen Rabbit real for us. Toronto-based Ballet Jorgen was founded in 1987 and is now the fifth largest ballet company in Canada, and one of the most hard-working; this season they will perform 131 shows in 74 communities in eight provinces.

Razzamatazz Kids' Shows could not fulfill its mission of bringing high quality live children's entertainment to Haliburton Country without our generous local sponsors. This show is sponsored by YMCA Camp Wanakita and Minden Pharmasave Drugstore. Also,

Churko Furniture sponsored our last show, but was unfortunately not mentioned in media or advertising.

It has become a Razzamatazz tradition for YMCA Wanakita to host our last show of the season, and this show is special in several ways. The audience sits on benches or the floor, for a more up close and informal experience than in the theatre. The friendly Wanakita staff will welcome us and provide yummy snacks after the show. Season pass holders will be invited to "bring a friend" to this show, to introduce new audience members to the Razzamatazz experience. Razzie the Orangutan mascot will be there too, of course.

Early Bird passes for our next season will be on sale before and after the show. If you buy a pass now, it costs \$15 for the four shows instead of \$18 next fall, and you will receive your tickets in the mail before our first show. The lineup for next year includes:

William Orlowski, "Tap Dancin' Sam", December 12, 2004; The Funky Mamas, "Music for Children" - January 9, 2005; Kahurangi Maori

Dance Theatre, "People of the Pacific" - February 27, 2005; Dufflebag Theatre, "Peter Pan" - April 10, 2005.

Tickets for The Velveteen Rabbit will be available at the door: adults \$8 and children \$5. Children under 2 are always admitted without charge. YMCA Wanakita is located at the end of the Donald Road, off County Road 1. For more information contact Amy Klose, 457-4266.



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Sue will be cooking up an Italian Dinner to be served from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and music will be provided for listening and dancing by the Black Fly Boogie Band. Cost is only \$12.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets available at the Legion.

Concert Series Begins - Don't Miss Out!!

Get your tickets now for the first concert in the Northern Lights 2004 Concert Season that kicks off April 4 with the presentation of the Borealis String Quartet.

There are three concerts in the series, this one in April, one on September 25th featuring the performance of the Elmer Iseler Singers, under the baton of Lydia Adams, and one on October 29th - the final performance in the series featuring the Nesrallah-Bolshoy duo.

Tickets are available for all three shows by calling 457-9731.

The Borealis String Quartet consists of four young Canadian professionals, Patricia Shih, Yuel Yawney, Nikita Pogrebnoy and Joel Stobbe. Each has come to their University residence with a well-honed and active performance career. Together they form Canada's newest chamber music asset - the Borealis String Quartet.

Dorset Music Evening Features Wine, Words, Music & Art

Wine, Words, Music & Art is the theme of an exciting upcoming and entertaining event, taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on April 23.

Local writers, artists, musicians and Johnston's Cranberry Marsh / Muskoka Lakes Winery will be highlighted at this celebration of the arts.

The events begin at 6:20 p.m. Tickets are \$5 / person and will be available soon at the Recreation Centre, or from Tina Heathcock at 766-9993.

Fashion Show Fundraiser Features Clothing from Bigleys

Want to see the latest fashions? Be sure to attend the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary fashion show on May 2nd at Wigamog Inn Resort.

The Auxiliary is in the process of raising funds to replace Washer Disinfectors for acute care and long term care. These units will cost around \$8,000.

Wigamog is the sponsor of the event this year. The fashion show starts at 1:30 pm.

The clothing is provided by Bigleys in Bobcaygeon.

There will be wine tasting, delicious desserts and more. Admission is \$20.00 For ticket information call 457-3919

Stanhope Pancake Breakfast

All you can eat!! That's right - all you can eat Easter Pankcake Breakfast is heading our way on Saturday April 10th at the Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd.

The tasty event begins at 10 a.m. featuring yummy pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, bacon and your choice of drink - right up to 1 p.m..

What you will like just as much as the food is the cost -- it's only \$3 for children 12 and under, and \$6 each adult. All proceeds go towards the recreation for the Stanhope Community.

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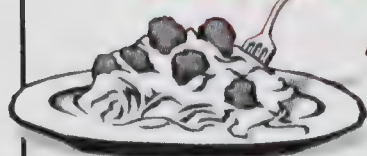
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Haliburton Highlands own recording artists 'Ariel's Worm' has some big news for their fans. Their song 'Tame' off the album 'The Next Big Thing' recently aired on the hit TV show 'Joan Of Arcadia' on March 12th on CBS. The band was thrilled about this as the show recently won several Emmy Awards as well as "The Viewers Choice Award" for best new TV show.

Ariel's Worm began as a brother and sister duo in early 1999. Songwriter Mike Strype, along with vocalist sister Jennifer Strype ventured into the pop/rock scene with outstanding success. In November of 1999, the song Beginner's Luck was picked off their demo and used on an episode of the hit TV show Dawson's Creek (episode #308, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner). Playing all over Toronto, Ariel's Worm has a steadily growing fan base, and has performed at such large clubs as Lee's Palace, The El Mocambo, and The Horseshoe Tavern. In 2001 Mike Strype received the prestigious "Professional Demo Grant Award" recognizing outstanding unsigned songwriting from Canada's own FACTOR.

The band also recently shot a video for their song "The End" which is now in the editing stage and will be available to be downloaded off their website soon, or viewed on your local music/video station.

The band recently played Canadian Music Week to a full house at the Bovine Sex Club in Toronto in early March- a show the band called "a great success."

Ariel's Worm is now recording their 3rd album and promises lots more great music, shows and videos to come. Keep and eye out for this young, energetic very talented local band. To learn more about Ariel's Worm visit their web site at www.arielsworm.com.

Ariel's Worm will be performing on Friday July 18th in a Battle Of The Bands at The Hard Rock Cafe / Club 279 in Toronto. The show is presented by 102.1 The Edge and The Hard Rock Cafe. Ariel's Worm hits the stage at 10:00 SHARP! The winner of this round will go on to the finals. The winner will open for "A big named band" in Wasaga some time in August/September. THERE IS NO COVER CHARGE AT THIS EVENT!!!!!!IT'S FREE! So come on down and support your favourite band and make lots of noise for us!!!!

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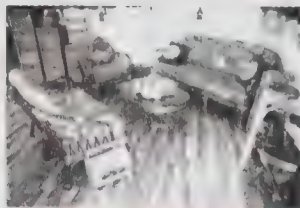
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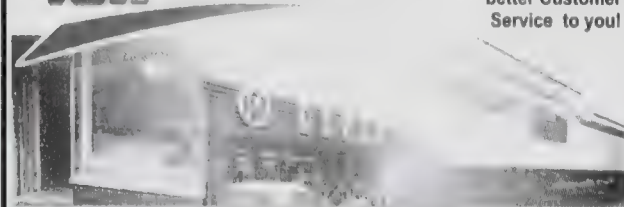
The group of volunteers also provide transportation for people who have no way to get to the dinners. They do note that if you are interested in attending, it is mandatory to make a reservation, as this is the only way they can tell how many to cook for. The average turnout for the dinners is around 35 people (the food must be good one would think!) The community dinners do not have a programme usually-just the food, however on April 27th the Gentlemen of Song will be performing at the dinner. To reserve a spot at the next Gooderham Community dinner contact Doreen DeGrave at 447-2877.

Air Traffic Safety Seminar Open To All

There will be an Air Safety Seminar on April 13th at the Algonquin Highlands Community Hall that will be open to the public. Meet with other pilots and instructors to discuss concerns, review Transport Canada's Flight Crew Regency Requirements, review safety procedures at controlled and uncontrolled airports. If you are a pilot or interested in flying this would be a great chance to network with others and get answers. For more details call John Packer at 754-2611 or email: airport@halhinet.on.ca.

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The Harcourt Rec Committee puts on the dances and these dances are well liked and attended by many local youth. Turnout has seen over 100 youngsters out in an evening. The dances are well chaperoned by adults and youth aged 7-16 are welcome to attend. For further details contact Valerie Smith at 448-3640.

Big Bingo Coming to Harcourt

Calling all bingo fanatics (or anyone who would like to win \$1,000 or more). Be sure to head to the Harcourt hall on April 24th for the Spring Big Bingo where you have the chance to cash in on not one, but two big chances for a \$1,000 jackpot. The big bingo's happen in Harcourt three times per year and always pack a full house. The total payouts for the bingos will be around \$3,500 in total. The doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 7pm and run till around 10:30 or 11pm.

There is refreshments and snacks available to purchase at the hall and you're always guaranteed a fun night. So who will walk out of the hall with a cool thousand dollars or more in hand this year? Will it be you? Only if you're there!! If you need any further details on the big bingos contact Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155 or just show up.

Kinmount Dinner Auction

Going once, going twice.... Yep... it's auction time again as the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development will be holding its annual Dinner Auction on Saturday April 3 at the Galway Hall.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Events include loonie and silent auctions. For tickets and info please call Dianne Austin at 488-2635 or Joyce Brown at 488-2687.

All You Can Eat Pancakes At Lloyd Watson Centre

I can almost smell it already – the scent of fresh maple syrup, sausages frying and stacks of fresh made pancakes. You can too I bet.

Now that you are craving it, why not fill that craving on Saturday, April 10th by attending the All You Can Eat Maple Syrup Festival at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

Doors open at 9 a.m. and delicious food will be served up until 2 p.m. You can delve into stacks of pancakes topped with fresh maple syrup with sides of sausages all for the low price of \$5 per adult, and \$3 for children 10 and under. What a deal!!

Once your belly is full, walk off some of that great breakie at the annual Fleamarket & Craft sale, also being held at the hall from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

What a great way to spend a morning – so don't miss out on this tasty event.



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HCDC supports community economic development (CED) by implementing strategic plans and operating an investment fund to provide repayable loans (up to \$125,000) to businesses.

We are seeking applications to join our board from Highlands East. The Director would be required to sit on one of the sub committees of the HCDC dealing with loans or CED projects.

Ideally, the director would have business experience, knowledge of financial statements and an interest in community development projects. If interested please forward a resume by April 30th to

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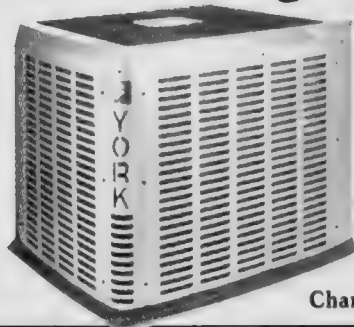
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Golf Keeps You Young

An 80 year old man went to the doctor for a checkup and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a golfer and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 100 years old and, in fact, he golfed with me this morning, and that's why he's still alive. He's a golfer."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 118 years old."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

The old timer said, "No...Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he got married."

The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Why would a 118-year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?"



Church Events

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Spring Craft Sale

Gooderham United Church

Saturday April 3 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Spring Bake & Craft Sale

Wilberforce United Church

April 10 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Have You Ever Wondered?...



This column attempts to answer some puzzling, and sometime bizzare questions that have crossed the minds of many we're sure. For example...

Jack and Jim, twins, emerge from a fancy restaurant only to find all the valets have split and a heavy rainstorm lies between them and their car, 100 yards away. Jack bets Jim that if he runs and Jim walks, he will arrive at the car not only faster but drier. Jim accepts the bet, arguing that Jack's broad chest will run into more raindrops than will hit Jim on the top of his slow moving but small head. Who wins the bet?

Or in other words – are you better to run in a rainstorm or walk? Who gets wetter?

First the theory. We divide the raindrops hitting you into two categories: (1) head drops, which fall from above and would hit you even if you were standing still; and (2) chest drops, which you run/walk into and which wouldn't hit you if you were standing still. We can all agree that the number of head drops is strictly a function of how long you're out in the rain; if you run, fewer head drops. The question is whether the allegedly larger number of chest drops you get when running outweighs the definitely larger number of head drops you get while walking.

Not to keep you in suspense, the answer is no. If we ignore aerodynamic effects, we can show mathematically (but won't) that while you'll collect many fewer head drops running rather than walking, you'll get exactly the same number of chest drops, regardless of the speed at which you travel – so whether you run or walk the chest drops are the same. Bottom line: you'll be a lot wetter if you walk.

One obvious caveat. If enough rain falls on you, whether because of the intensity of the rainfall or the distance you have to travel, eventually you'll be thoroughly soaked. After that it doesn't matter whether you run or walk; you're as wet as you're going to get. So the preceding applies only to relatively short sprints through less-than-torrential downpours. My advice: always run—if nothing else the exercise is good for you.

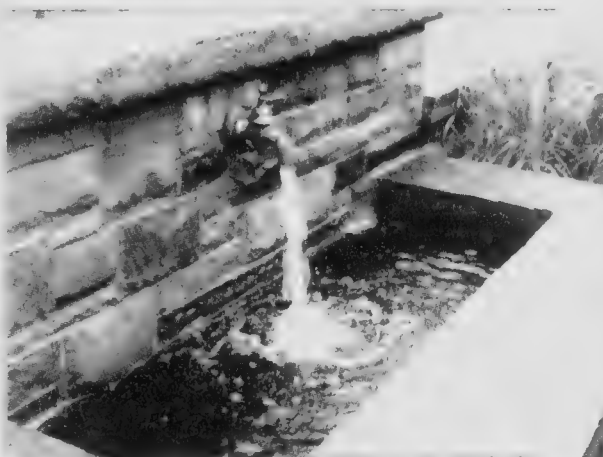
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It's Time To PLAY BALL!!

Guys & gals... if you like to play softball, you may be interested in joining the Haliburton Mixed Lob-Ball League that will be 'hitting' the fields starting in May.

The league has been going for over 15 years and offers 8 teams per year. Game play is Monday evenings from May 10th till September 18th and there is one tournament every year.

The games are played at both the Haliburton diamond and the West Guilford diamond, with two games per diamond per Monday, meaning every team plays each week.

This year Jason Harrison who is taking over from Keith Foster is running the league. "I've been in the league for 12 years now and it's a total hoot. Just a blast!! Really its more a social night out," says Jason.

New this year is sponsorship. All 8 teams have been sponsored by local businesses and each player will receive a team t-shirt that will be theirs to keep.

The teams umpire themselves and do count points and score to see who will be the final over all winners at the end of the season. The teams are mixed with guys and gals, good players and not-so-good players, couples and singles. "It's really fun because you have really good players and beginners. There are lots of laughs," says Jason.

The cost to play a full season in the league is only \$20 which gets you 24 games in total, a tournament with an all you can eat BBQ, a shirt, and of course tons of fun. The sign up times will be at the Haliburton Legion every Wednesday in April from 5:30 p.m till 8:30 p.m. You can also sign up at The Pump Shop in Haliburton or by calling Jason Harrison at 286-2344. You must be at least 16 years of age to play. As Jason says the only requirement is to "bring a good attitude and a big smile."

The league would like to thank all their sponsors who are: R&T Renovations, Don Barker Heating and Cooling, JD Landscaping and Firewood, R.S Sisson Contracting, The Pump Shop, Mingles Restaurant, The In House Chef, and The Highlands Communicator.

Make Your Own Ukrainian Easter Egg

Feeling crafty? Here's something a little different that is sure to be entertaining and fun. You can make your own Ukrainian Easter Egg with expert Ginger Kulas this Saturday, April 3rd from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Fire Hall, located on North Shore Rd.

All supplies are included for the low cost of \$5 per person. The event is open to anyone age 10 up to 210!! (Do let us know if anyone 210 shows up - that's yet another story).

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 766-9968. Deadline is approaching, so get cracking!! - Pun intended!!

Contractors Corner

Contractor's Corner is a new column space where we will be presenting handy tips from our local area contractors. From plumbers, to carpentry, electrical, and renovations, these columns are designed to help you avoid costly errors via time saving tips & suggestions.



THE PIPE LINE

by Mark Evans
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Hello again! Our topic this month is one all of us can appreciate and was suggested by my friend Mike from beautiful Harcourt Park. Thanks Mike.

Many of us like doing our own handyman projects around the house or cottage but raise your hand if you have ever pumped out your own septic tank. No thank you. I'll shingle the roof, tile the bathroom or replace the light fixture, but some things just have to be taken care of by a professional.

Pump outs should be done every two or three years, depending on the size of the tank, amount of use, and the age of your system. The best time to get it emptied is early summer, after the lakes and ground water levels have gone back to normal. It may be necessary to have it done at different times, but winter pump-outs might lead to freezing and will be expensive. Spring or fall pump-outs might cause your tank to float because of high water levels.

Proper use of your plumbing will really help prolong the life of your septic system. Only use phosphate free soap and avoid using bleach because it kills the bacteria that we need to break down the waste in the tank. Drain cleaner use is never a good idea and needing to use it means you have a bigger problem than it will fix anyway. Good old toilet paper and what comes natural are all that's required to keep things working inside your tank- no need for additives or store bought quick fixes.

Vehicular traffic over your leaching bed will cause compaction of the soil which will shorten it's effective life, meaning anything heavier than your lawnmower is a no-no. Vegetation around the area is recommended but trees should be kept back at least ten feet so the roots don't interfere.

Regular maintenance and proper use is the key to avoiding most unpleasant surprises. Your buddies may come and help build your deck, but you're on your own here. Get it pumped out.



Kidz Korner

By Trevor Guyton

With Easter just around the corner this month I've decided to make this months Korner on something fun with a bit of Easter in it I'm going to teach you how to make your very own homemade Easter eggs.

First off you need: 6-12 eggs, Food colouring (red, green, yellow, blue, etc.).

A bowl of water for each colour.

Any household items you can find to make patterns with (doilies, crayons,

Construction paper, tape, Styrofoam etc.)

You will also need a knife, which you should have Mom or Dad use.

Last of all you need a straw

through the egg to clean it out completely. Next you can decorate the eggs with any thing you want in any way. Your next step this is just a possibility you don't have to do it is to mix your food colouring with water

You might want to wear old clothes doing this as it is messy and you should get Mom or Dad to help. When you have your egg/s decorated you can put them in the colour of your choice and then just leave them there for 5-10 minutes to soak in the food colouring

When you pull out the eggs they will have a colour in them similar to what colour of food colouring you used. If you want to you can also use hard boiled eggs instead of emptying out the insides of the eggs

Did you know:

Did you know that Easter eggs were given from one person to another in Ancient Egypt, but they weren't called Easter eggs they were more of a springtime egg. In Austria, which is in Europe, they decorate their Easter eggs with ferns fastened to the outside

To make your Easter eggs you need to get Mom or Dad to cut a whole in the top and bottom above the sink. When that hole has been made hold your egg so that the insides run out, if you want to hurry up the process stick a straw over the hole and blow the insides out.

When the insides have run out rinse some water lightly

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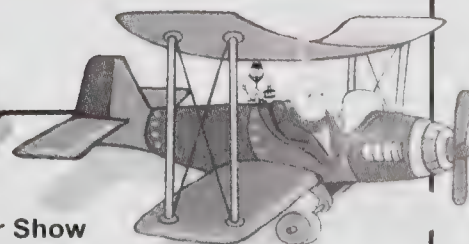
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Enjoy fancy sandwiches & delicate desserts while you're entertained in the Bowron Log Home. A Complimentary cook-book is included in the afternoon festivities. The cost is only \$10 per person. Reservations are a must. Call 286-3154 for more information, or to reserve.

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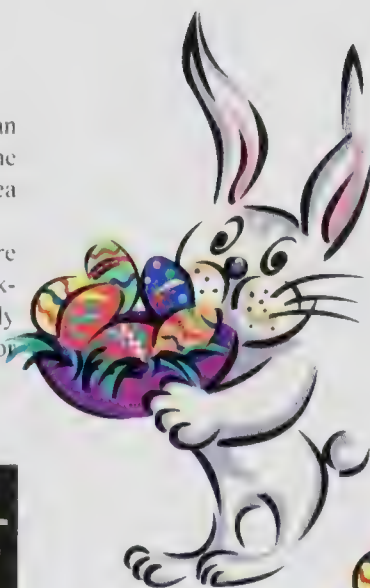
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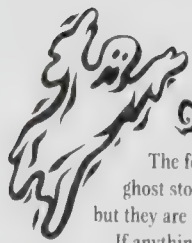
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GHOST STORIES

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

The Ghost on the T.V.

The photograph was taken by a gentleman named Grant Wilson in the living room of his house in Yeadon, North Leeds, England. He was taking photos of "nickable gear" for insurance purposes. Grant says he was present when the photo was taken and there was nothing on the screen as the TV was *turned OFF*, they had the shock of their lives when the pictures came back from the developers.

Grant says this is 100% genuine, although he expects nobody to believe him. Who knows for sure if it's real, it is fascinating, and if it is a fake, it's a very good one.

But how can we tell if it is a fake or not? The screen has the dull grey look of a switched off TV but the reflections and glare from the camera's flash only make it harder to tell if it's on or not. Some did wonder if someone had applied a little double exposure to the print, but Grant swears the face is on the negative as well, so that must rule out any tomfoolery by the photo processing company. So if it is a fake then the TV must be on, but is it?



Pictured below is the photo taken by Grant Wilson. At right is a close up of the T.V. screen.



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These people are currently taking a pre-apprenticeship carpentry course through Fleming College and need a minimum of six weeks apprenticeship work experience as part of their curriculum.

Through the course at Fleming any contractor who hires on an apprentice of the course qualifies for pay subsidies. The course is intense and covers all aspects of building from basic framing to foundations, to welding. The students learn theory and do lots of hands on work as well.

Sonya Paterson is one student taking the apprenticeship and says she has really learned a lot during the course so far. "I couldn't even build a box before I started the course. I think this will really help me out in my landscaping business. I also work with wooden furniture but this is a totally different ball game."

The students have all taken safety programs during the course



Pictured are some of the students with their projects.



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Haliburton Legion Receives Grant For Repairs

Local MPP Laurie Scott, along with Bev Kinsmen of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's local Grant review team, recently presented Haliburton Legion Branch 129 past president Ethel Galvin with a plaque from the foundation. The plaque was in recognition of the legion's recent \$18,300 grant that will be used for roof repair and to upgrade their refrigeration capability and the building's security system.

"I would like to thank the grant team members for their hard work, ensuring that groups like this can continue to receive government support. The renovations and improvements made will ensure the safety and enjoyment of the members, volunteers and staff," said M.P.P. Laurie Scott.

The legion has been a popular meeting place for not only members but also for a variety of local clubs and events over the years. These renovations will ensure that the building continues to be a vital, well-equipped location for meetings, celebrations, pipe band rehearsals, theatrical productions. All of the planned upgrades will be completed by summer 2004.

The Ontario Trillium foundation, an agency of the ministry of culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. The foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not for profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services and sports and recreation sectors.

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Why is the sky blue?

When sunlight travels through the atmosphere, it collides with gas molecules

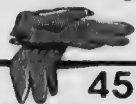
These molecules scatter the light. The shorter the wavelength of light, the more it is scattered by the atmosphere. Because it has a shorter wavelength than the other colours, blue light is scattered more, ten times more than red light, for instance. That is why the sky is blue.

Why does the setting sun look reddish orange? When the sun is on the horizon, its light takes a longer path through the atmosphere to reach your eyes than when the sun is directly overhead. By the time the light of the setting sun reaches your eyes, most of the blue light has been scattered out. The light you finally see is reddish orange, the colour of white light minus blue

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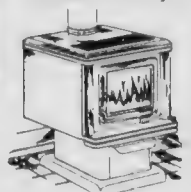
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"Last year I replaced several windows in my house and they were the expensive double-pane energy efficient kind. But this week I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work has been completed for a whole year and I had yet to pay for them. Boy, oh boy! Did we go 'round? Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year.That in one year the windows would pay for themselves. There was silence on the other end of the line so I just hung up. I haven't heard back so I guess I must have won that silly argument!"

Astroid Close To Earth

Astronomers continued to observe an asteroid recently that they said made the closest recorded brush with Earth.

The 30-metre-diameter rock passed harmlessly about 43,000 kilometres above the southern Atlantic Ocean on Thursday. Asteroid 2004 FH was expected to be beyond the moon's orbit by Friday.

Steven Chesley, an astronomer with the near-Earth object program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said it was the closest recorded encounter.

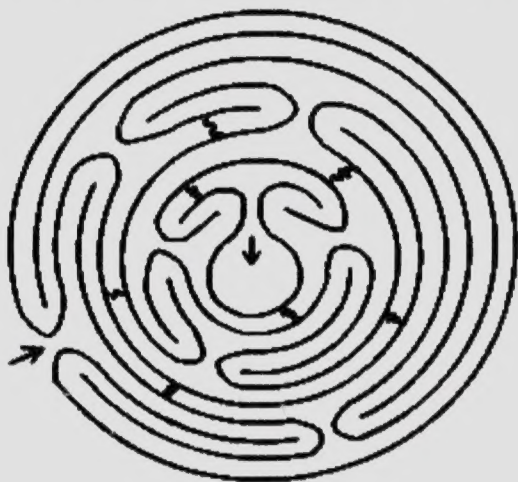
If the asteroid had hit Earth, it would likely have broken up in the atmosphere, producing shock waves strong enough to break windows on the ground.

Chesley estimated there's a one-in-a-million chance Asteroid 2004 FH could hit in the future. Scientists expect to eliminate the possibility as they learn more about its orbit.

It won't hurtle by Earth again until 2044, when it should pass within 1.5 million kilometres.

Brushes with asteroids of this size are believed to occur about once every two years on average, but most pass by undetected, Chesley added.

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There were 6 sams in the last issue. They were hidden in the following ads; Minden Subaru, Allsaw Tire, Emmerson Lumber, Wintergreen Pancake Barn, Tom Prentice & Sons & Petrini Construction.

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How would you like to win an evening away with Free Accommodations for two at Pringles Cove? For your chance to win this great prize, you must first enter our contest. In this issue of The Communicator we did a feature story on the Pringles Cove on pages 37. Below are two questions that can be easily answered by reading the feature story. Write your answers, along with your name, phone number and address to The Communicator, Box 332 Wilberforce, Ont. K0L 3C0. or email: contest@thecomunicator.ca. Fax: (705) 448-1995.

1: What is the lake classified as?

2: Who can you bring along on your vacation because they are allowed?

Brain Teaser of the Month



This is an old paradox about a mirror. When you look in a mirror, it reverses the side your hair is parted on. The image in the mirror is left-right reversed, but not top-to-bottom reversed. Why does the mirror get left-right mixed up, but not top-to-bottom mixed up?

If you lie on your side and look into the mirror, your hair will still part on the left side. Your left and right used to be respectively up and down and the up and down were previously right and left. So, how did the mirror "figure out" what you were going to do?

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Who Dun-it Solution

Since both of the men were writing with mirror images, the man writing with his left hand would be the one because the victim was hit on his left side - meaning he was hit by someone left handed.

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\$497,000.00



Little Kennisid Hideaway

210 ft of frng. with sand bottom and deep water off the large extensive docking system. Glow of sunsets. Well treed private property with landscaping. This beautiful property sports a 30x50 garage with 13ft ceilings with large common room above. The cottage has 2 bedrooms on the main level with V on the lower w/o level. With extensive oak kitchen, open concept, oak floors with some carpet, laundry room, rec room and TV room is all you need. Add to this property a bunkie storage shed and being situated close to water's edge what are you waiting for?

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Kennisis Lake

Southern exp. with great view of Kennisid Lake. Well maintained property with good privacy. Furnished 3 bdrm cottage fully winterized & also a cabin. All wood interior, cathedral ceilings, carpet through out. Full wall fireplace, and electric baseboard. Lge DR & kitchen for entertaining. Deck on 2 sides gives lot of space to sun or entertain. Deck and dock at waters edge. Call for more info.



Private Lake - 129 Acres

Nature at it's best. 129 acre retreat estate type property with a private lake, mature forest of pine and hardwoods. A 4 bdrm+ loft cottage sits on the shore line of Torch lake. The cottage is full of old country charm, massive stone fireplace in LR and backing the DR. Wood floors and all wood interior with cathedral ceilings, large deck for entertaining or just enjoy the view. This property has many possibilities. Family retreat, Bed and Breakfast, Children's Camp, Retreat Center, possibly severe some lots off, also appears to be 50 to 60 acres of gravel in the back property.

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Executive Cottage or Home

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600 Ft. Frontage

New 1750 sq. ft. cottage to be built on level 600 ft. frontage lot on Little Kennisid. Very private, sheltered bay. 3 bdrm 1 1/2 storey fully finished with fireplace, slate, carpet and hardwood floors. Pine kitchen, main floor laundry. Screened Halibuton Room. Full unfinished basement. Call for more info.

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Kennisid Lake

See this great building lot. Several building sites offering spectacular views of Kennisid Lake. Absolute privacy on this 8 acre property. 800 ft. shore line varies with flat rock, sand pockets, larger rock sections and a point. Sheltered area for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point and set on the opposite shore. This rare large property is being offered at

\$575,000.00

6 acres of forest with driveway in and cleared site for home or cottage. Year round road, close to Haliburton Forest and Wildlife, snowmobiling, skiing, golfing, fine dining, theatre, hospitals, and schools. Treed for privacy, great place to build with stream at back of property.

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